GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ABDUCTION OF VILLAGERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `BSF swaps detenus to free villagers` appearing in `The Hindustan Times`, dated January 21, 2000 ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(d) the number of such incidents occurred during the last three years and the number of Bangladeshi criminals released so far ; and

(e) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be check such incidents in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)
(a) Yes , Sir.
(b)to(d) On 11th January, 2000 BSF patrol party apprehended 7 Bangladeshi fisherman at BOP Sedepur, who had entered Indian territory while fishing. 10 Indian fisherman were apprehended by Bangladesh Rifles on 13th January, 2000. A flag meeting was held on 16th January, 2000 and the fisherman of both countries were exchanged. However, no Bangladesh criminal has been released to free the villagers, as reported in the news item.
(e) In order to check smuggling/infiltration /Border crime, vigilance and dominance by way of effective patrolling, naka etc. is being maintained on the border round the clock. In addition special operations are also conducted to check such activities.